3000 Consolidated “Budgeting System” policy:

Overview

The Colchester Board of Education expects that the Superintendent will work collaboratively with staff members in the annual development of the district budget. Planning, programming, budgeting and evaluation systems is an annual process that includes specifying measurable objectives, determining how to evaluate the programs in relation to these objectives, and formulating budget requests for them.

Budget Planning & Prioritization

The Board shall prepare an annual operating budget for the school district through its Superintendent that is consistent with provisions of state statutes and Board of Finance requirements. Before adopting the Superintendent’s proposed budget, the Board shall study school programs in relation to present and future students and community needs and establish budget priorities for the fiscal year, being mindful of the following:

- Staff for current programs and new staff to improve programs
- Instructional supplies and equipment for current and new programs
- Equipment and supplies to improve current programs
- Continued maintenance and updating of facilities, as needed
- New or modified state and/or federal mandates
- Changes to state and/or federal grants

Supplemental Appropriations

The Board may request supplemental appropriations from the Board of Finance for unforeseen circumstances. Prior to requesting such funds, the Board shall make every reasonable effort to live within the original appropriation without impacting district programs.